

DOCKET NO.: 259939US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Alfred RULAND, et al.

SERIAL NO.: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

FILED: HEREWITH

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/EP03/04334

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: April 25, 2003

FOR: C10-ALKANOL ALKOXYLATES AND THEIR USE

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS
CITED IN INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

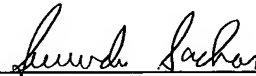
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Norman F. Oblon
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 24,618
Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000
Fax No. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 08/03)

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP 03/04334

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 C07C43/11 C07C41/03 C11D1/72

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C07C C11D B01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

CHEM ABS Data, BEILSTEIN Data, EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 94 11330 A (BEROL NOBEL AB ;DAHLGREN LENNART (SE); BERGSTROEM KARIN (SE)) 26 May 1994 (1994-05-26) cited in the application	5-7, 10
Y	page 1, line 1 - line 10 compound 1 in table 1 claims 1-3	8, 9
X	WO 94 11331 A (BEROL NOBEL AB ;DAHLGREN LENNART (SE); BERGSTROEM KARIN (SE)) 26 May 1994 (1994-05-26) cited in the application	1-7, 10
Y	page 1 -page 3, paragraph 5; claims 4-6 -/-	8, 9

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Z document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

2 September 2003

Date of mailing of the international search report

09/09/2003

Name and mailing address of the ISA
European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Seelmann, M

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/EP 03/04334

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DE 42 37 178 A (HENKEL KGAA) 5 May 1994 (1994-05-05) page 2, line 40 - line 45 page 2, line 50 - line 55 page 2, line 64 - page 3, line 5 page 4, line 4 - line 7; claims 1-10	1-7, 10
Y	WO 01 04183 A (DOW CHEMICAL CO) 18 January 2001 (2001-01-18) cited in the application page 1, paragraph 3 page 2, paragraph 1; claims 1-10; examples	8, 9
A	US 2 921 089 A (HAGEMeyer JR HUGH J ET AL) 12 January 1960 (1960-01-12) column 1, line 15 - column 2, line 33	9

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Publication No

PCT/EP 03/04334

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 0104183	A	BR 0013193 A	02-07-2002
		CA 2376034 A1	18-01-2001
		CA 2376306 A1	18-01-2001
		CA 2378466 A1	18-01-2001
		CN 1358208 T	10-07-2002
		CN 1359402 T	17-07-2002
		CN 1360607 T	24-07-2002
		EP 1214368 A1	19-06-2002
		EP 1203045 A1	08-05-2002
		EP 1200506 A1	02-05-2002
		JP 2003504468 T	04-02-2003
		JP 2003504499 T	04-02-2003
		WO 0104178 A1	18-01-2001
		WO 0104179 A1	18-01-2001
		WO 0104183 A1	18-01-2001
		US 6355845 B1	12-03-2002
		US 6429342 B1	06-08-2002
		US 2002198413 A1	26-12-2002
US 2921089	A	FR 1231677 A	30-09-1960
		GB 893763 A	11-04-1962